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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

A₁ This patent is a divisional application of serial number 09/316,044, filed on May 21, 1999. Moreover, this patent claims priority to Japanese Application Mo. P10-147492, filed May 28, 1998, which application is incorporated by reference to the extent permitted by law.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel ~~claims 1-8 and claims 13-23.~~

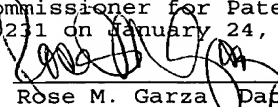
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 13-23 are canceled. Claims 9-12 remain pending.

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